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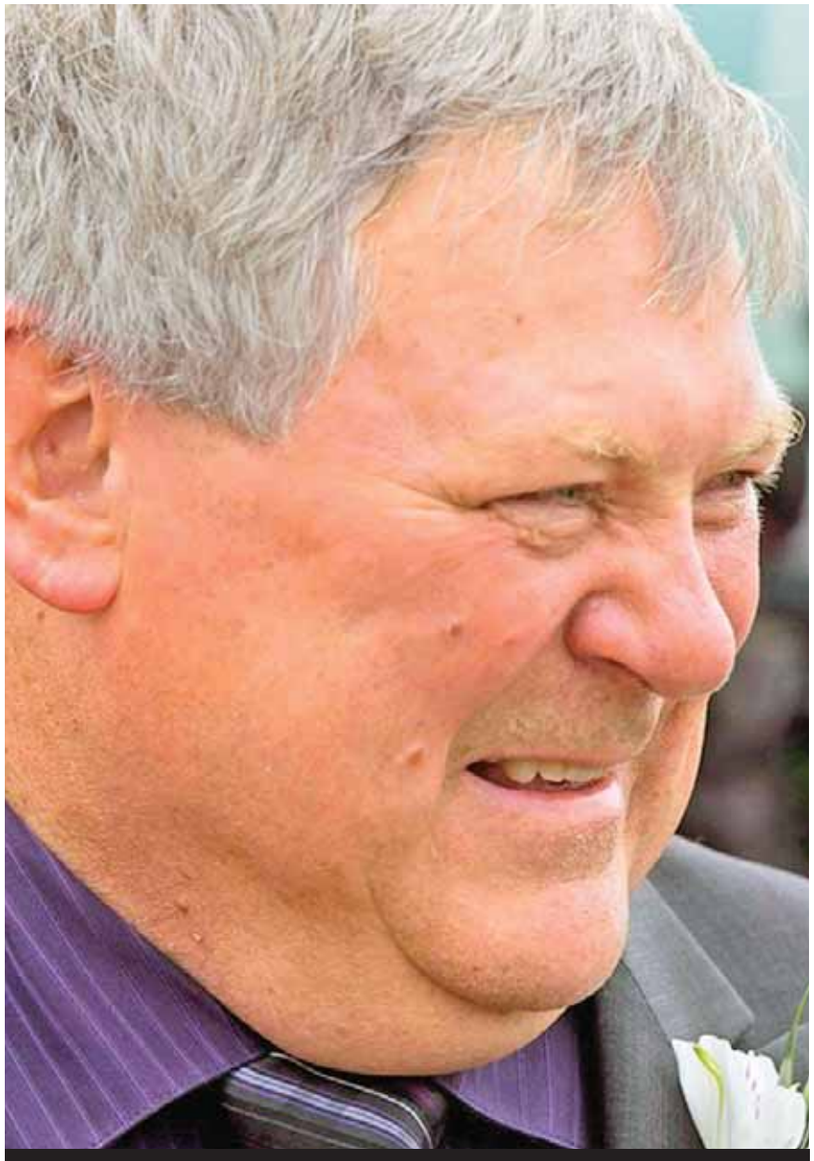

Liberal MLA Pat Pimm's griping over the Agricultural Land Commission in newly leaked emails has earned him a scolding from the Union of B.C. Indian Chiefs. His comments have been condemned as "reprehensible and downright racist." JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

MLA sorry for 'Indians' remark as ALR vote nears

Bill 24. Leaked 2012 emails reveal Liberal resentment toward Agricultural Land Commission

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Metro in Vancouver

The debate over Bill 24 will officially end Thursday, but the controversy won't.

Agriculture Minister Norm Letnick says a final vote on Bill 24, which proposes splitting the Agricultural Land Reserve into two zones and allows for protected land outside the south coast to be used for non-farm purposes, will go ahead by the end of Thursday as the legislature breaks for summer.

"Both sides have had a chance to debate the bill for three weeks now," said Letnick, who insists the legislation has ample safeguards in place to protect farmland.

Letnick maintains confidence in the bill despite a series of leaked emails from 2012 — published Wednesday by the Globe and Mail — that seem to show intense Liberal frustration with the Agricultural Land Commission's (ALC) independence.

"Every time I try to contact (ALC chair Richard) Bullock, I am told that he is an arms-length body and for me to get the hell out of his hair. Who the hell is running the province anyways?" wrote MLA Pat Pimm, according to the Globe and Mail report.

"Here is an opportunity to actually muster up some support for our team, but instead we will ignore it and go out and find some way to give the Indians more money, which doesn't get me one vote!" Pimm wrote later in the thread, which the Globe and Mail says included Bullock and members of the Liberal caucus.

The remark was immediately met with fury from the Union of B.C. Indian Chiefs.

"The comments from MLA Pat Pimm, especially as an appointed member of the Select Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs, are completely repugnant, reprehensible and downright racist," said Grand Chief Stewart Phillip in a statement. "We certainly hope this type of 'Donald Sterling' characterization of 'Indians' is not a shared view of the B.C. Liberal caucus."

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Pimm, MLA for Peace River North and the former agriculture minister currently on leave while receiving treatment for colon cancer, issued an apology Wednesday through government caucus.

"I deeply regret and apologize for my comments in regards to First Nations that appeared in the Globe and Mail," the statement reads. "They were inappropriate and wrong, and do not in any way reflect the policy of our government."

Pimm wrote that he respects and admires First Nations cultures, and he will continue working closely with leaders and communities.

The leaked emails gave more credence to opposition claims that Bill 24 represents a politically motivated vendetta against the ALC.

Critics have called for the vote on Bill 24 to be put off in favour of more debate.

But Letnick, MLA for Kelowna-Lake Country, says the vote will go ahead, as will votes on all other bills on the table before the summer break begins.

He says the ALC, through local panels or at the provincial level, will still have final say on any land-use decisions.

"A lot of people who are looking at the act are saying it does something that it does not. You'd have the ask the NDP why that is," Letnick said. "Bill 24 reinforces the independence of the ALC."

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Dads who do chores may raise more ambitious girls

Gender equality. Study found that chore-sharing didn't seem to have an impact on boys

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If dads want their daughters to become surgeons, CEOs or scientists, they'd better start helping out with the dishes and laundry.

Those are the findings of a new University of B.C. study that likely has dads groaning and moms rejoicing across the country. The study found that fathers who help with household chores are more likely to raise daughters that aspire to less traditional and potentially higher-paying careers.

"Clearly, this shows that kids are watching, especially daughters," said lead author Alyssa Croft, a PhD candidate in UBC's department of psychology. "Even if dads are publicly endorsing this idea of gender equality at home, it's really important that they're also walking the walk."

Following 326 children between the ages of seven and 13, and at least one of their parents, researchers asked participants about their gender-role beliefs and who carries out domestic duties in their family. They also asked the children what they want to be when they grow up.

Unsurprisingly, the surveys revealed that mothers typically shouldered more domestic duties than dads and that participants also associated women more than men with child care and chores.

What did surprise the researchers, however, was the link between a father's role and their daughter's aspirations. Even if fathers spoke out in favour of gender equality, if the mothers handled most of the domestic duties, their daughters were still more likely to see themselves pursuing female-dominant careers.

Chore-sharing between parents didn't seem to have an impact on boys, however.

Alyssa Croft, a PhD candidate in UBC's department of psychology, is lead author of a study that found dads who help with household chores are more likely to raise daughters that aspire to less traditional and potentially higher-paying careers. CONTRIBUTED

Parents overrule PAC chair on safe spaces

Parents at Lord Byng Secondary School have opposed their own parental advisory council chair over the Vancouver School Board's proposed policy on sexual orientation and gender identities.

Approximately 250 parents attended the school's PAC meeting Tuesday night, with the vast majority voting to rescind an open letter sent by chair Cheryl Chang. The letter called on school trustees to delay or vote against a revised policy meant to support a safe and inclusive environment for lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, two-spirit, intersex and queer students.

The letter, dated April 22, says the VSB policy is "flawed and contradicts current medical and psychiatric advice."

"The letter does not represent the views of parents at Lord Byng," said Hilary Meredith, one of the parents who attended the meeting. "There was no consultation with the broader parent body."

Chang has been an outspoken critic of the proposed policy, arguing that clauses protecting the privacy of gender-confused children take away from a parent's right to know about a child's medical and mental health.

She formed the PACIS (Protecting All Children in School) advocacy group in opposition, encouraging other parents to speak out against it.

A letter on the PACIS website claims the group has been wrongly portrayed as homophobic. "We are against all forms of homophobia and transphobia," PACIS claims.

"No notice of the policy was given to parents and there has been no meaningful consultation with parents or the medical and mental-health professions."

The VSB will hold its third and final public hearing on the policy Thursday evening before it goes to committee for adoption June 11. MATT KIELTYKA/METRO

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HandyDart. Transit system hears criticism on services for disabled

"I challenge every one of you to get in a wheelchair and try to access your own service."

That was one of many comments made at TransLink's annual general meeting Wednesday by people calling for better public transportation for people with disabilities.

Mother Kimberley Yanko told the executives her son sits at home, unable to make his doctor's appointments or go to post-secondary education, because his requests for HandyDart service (TransLink's specialized vehicles that can be pre-booked for people with disabilities) are turned down 40 per cent of the time.

"We are a working family too, we pay our taxes," she said. "He's entitled to service too."

While the transportation authority had a good year in terms of financials and customer feedback, TransLink CEO Ian Jarvis agreed that "not everything is going 100 per cent" especially when it comes to HandyDart trip denials.

TransLink is trying to solve the problem by investing $1 million into taxi services for people with disabilities when HandyDart is not available.

Some questioned whether this was appropriate, as taxi drivers don't have the same training as HandyDart operators.

"I do worry about people in wheelchairs who might get hurt because they're not secured down properly," said Craig Langston.

Chief operating officer Doug Kelsey agreed that training was critical, noting that some of the funds will go to training taxi drivers. He pointed to a training manual developed earlier in 2014 by the City of Vancouver, advocates for people with disabilities and the taxi drivers' association that TransLink will use.

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A HandyDART vehicle, a TransLink service for people with disabilities.
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TransLink funding for future growth unsure

Facing more demand. The region is growing by 30,000 to 40,000 people annually

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It was a pretty good year for transit riders in the Lower Mainland — the vast majority of trains ran on time, customers were mostly satisfied and millions of dollars were saved, TransLink announced at its annual general meeting Wednesday.

But 2013's success was overshadowed by uncertainty of what will happen going forward, as the province has demanded a referendum be held before it hands over any cash to fund new transit projects in the region that is growing by 30,000 to 40,000 people annually.

Dealing with that additional demand is the biggest challenge TransLink faces, board chair Marcella Szel said at the meeting.

The organization is already unable to serve some new suburban communities that have been planned around transit that isn't there yet.

"People are using their cars when they probably would have chosen not to use them," she said.

And that won't change unless the system gets an influx of money.

"If there is no new funding, TransLink will obviously have to work within the funding it currently has," Szel said. "I can assure you that is not where we want to be, but that is the reality and that is what will happen."

Commercial-Broadway SkyTrain station. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/METRO

The mayors' council will lead the charge to encourage people to vote in favour of transit funding mechanisms, North Vancouver Mayor Richard Walton said.

They hope to get a broad coalition of support to convince people to vote yes, especially considering referendums usually fail.

"It'll be a team effort, no question," Walton said.

In the meantime, transit ridership dropped by 4.9 million trips last year — with 233.9 million trips in total, ridership has stabilized around 2011 levels. TransLink, however, credits this to fewer working weekdays, a fare increase and a general decrease in employment rather than a lack of service.

The mayors' council is scheduled to present its funding plan and its priorities for new transit projects on June 12.

Transit feedback

2013 by the numbers.

- 7.6 out of 10 — Customer satisfaction rating
- 2.7 million — Number of texts for the next bus received monthly
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Striking teachers at a picket line in Vancouver on Monday. DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Rotating teachers' strike continues

Labour dispute.
All B.C. schools will be closed for a day next week

British Columbia teachers will stage a second week of rotating strikes as their union's bitter dispute with the government drags on and families prepare for children being out of school yet again.

Every school in the province will be closed for a day next week — either Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday.

The government announced details of the escalated job action late Wednesday, after the teachers' union filed documents with the Labour Relations Board.

The teachers' union and negotiators for the government were in a bargaining session Wednesday when the union fired its latest salvo. Education Minister Peter Fassbender said he's "profoundly disappointed" at the turn of events "while we're still at the table, with all of the talk that's been going on that children and parents and communities are continuing to be held hostage and put in the middle of this dispute."

Fassbender said the teachers' union seems unwilling to negotiate a settlement, but the government will not resort to the dysfunctional pattern of legislating a contract with the teachers' union.

The union said in a news release that the provincial government was still refusing to put the necessary funding on the table to reach agreement on issues like class size, composition, staffing levels and wages for teachers.

Wages are among the major issues, with the government offering a 7.3-per-cent wage increase over six years, while teachers want 13.7 per cent over four years. Teachers also want smaller classes and support for students with learning disabilities. The current contract expired in June 2013.

The one-day walkouts are part of the second stage of job action, leading the government to cut pay by 10 per cent.

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Abbotsford

Girl in critical condition after car crash

A five-year-old Abbotsford girl is fighting for her life after she was hit by a car late Tuesday afternoon.

Police were called to the collision near the 31,500-block of Blueridge Drive in Abbotsford just before 6 p.m. after the child was struck by a westbound Toyota Corolla.

The driver, a 42-year-old woman, and her passenger remained at the scene, police said. As of Wednesday morning, the girl remained in critical condition, police said. THANDI FLETCHER/METRO

Northern B.C. Police investigate after man shot dead while hunting bears

An American man was shot dead while hunting for bears in Northern B.C. on Monday afternoon.

The 59-year-old from Washington State was hunting with guides in the Tahtsa Reach Forest Service area when Houston RCMP were called to the scene with news someone had been shot, according to a statement from Sgt. Stephen Rose.

The man was already dead when officers arrived to the forest about 112 kilometres south of Houston.

Police have spoken to all parties involved in the incident, but aren't releasing any additional details regarding the incident.

The B.C. Coroners Service is investigating the death along with the North District RCMP's major crime and forensic units.

It's not clear whether the incident was an accident or if it's being investigated as a homicide.

The man's family has been notified, but his name will not be released.

EMILY JACKSON/METRO

Documentary offers glimpse into little-known world of dog dancing

Unleashed! The documentary, filmed by two Vancouverites, premiers at Rio Theatre in East Vancouver Thursday evening

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When Vancouver filmmakers Justin Turcotte and Benjamin Mallin came across the idea that would become the premise of their first documentary film, they couldn't believe their luck.

"You couldn't have written an odder story," Turcotte said with a laugh. "Nobody would have believed it."

"But we now have evidence," Mallin joked.

The filmmakers had met a group of Langley, B.C., dog handlers who told them about an idea they had to put on a big show that would bring together two unique and relatively unknown sports: dog dancing and indoor kite flying.

"They told us about this idea, that it was going to be like Cirque du soleil with dogs and kites," Turcotte said, "and we were like, 'All right, this is what we will be capturing.'"

Directed by Turcotte and produced by Mallin, Unleashed! A Dog Dancing Story follows the journey of an amateur dog-dancing troupe and an aspiring theatre director as they prepare to put on their first-ever dog-dancing and indoor-kite-flying theatrical performance. Along the way, the group encounters a series of challenges as they attempt to pull off the show.

Also known as canine freestyle, dog dancing is a modern dog sport that uses a mixture of obedience training, tricks and dance between dogs and their owners.

The film also features world-renowned dog trainer Ray Underwood, of Langley, who claims to be the sport's inventor.

Dog dancing may already seem strange enough to some, so why indoor kite flying?

"As luck would have it, Ray's son happens to be one of the world's foremost indoor kite fliers," said Turcotte, adding with a laugh, "Because why wouldn't the inventor of dog dancing have a son who is one of the best indoor kite fliers in the world?"

Annette Granbois, who is featured with her Shetland Sheepdog Odie and border collie Jake, said some of the dog handlers were apprehensive about opening up to a documentary crew.

"A lot of people laugh about (dog dancing) and make a mockery about it," said Granbois. "What was important to me was that the film was a respectful portrayal of what we do."

Admittedly, Turcotte and Mallin said, they found dog dancing a little funny to watch at first. But after spending hours each week following the dog handlers over two years, they quickly realized how serious the sport is.

Eventually, the handlers opened up to them, Mallin said, allowing them to capture some incredibly heartfelt and emotional moments on camera.

"I think they believed that we were looking out for their best interests," he said.

Unleashed! A Dog Dancing Story is premiering for Canadian audiences at the Rio Theatre in East Vancouver at 6:30 p.m. Thursday. Tickets are available at the box office or online at riotheatretickets.ca.

Filmmakers Benjamin Mallin, left, and Justin Turcotte with dog handler Annette Granbois and her border collie Jake. CONTRIBUTED

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"A lot of people laugh about (dog dancing) and make a mockery about it.... What was important to me was that the film was a respectful portrayal of what we do."
Annette Granbois, a dog handler featured in the upcoming documentary

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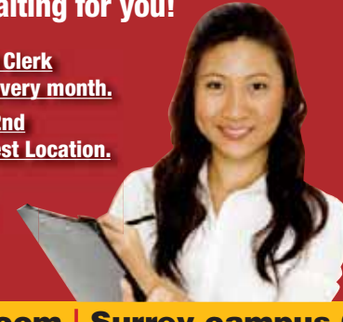

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Climate change

Greenpeace, WWF take aim at energy industry

Environmental groups have fired legal warning shots at major energy companies over their alleged role in funding climate change denial and blocking climate-friendly legislation.

Greenpeace and the World Wildlife Fund have sent letters to international and Canadian companies asking how they manage public communication on climate change.

They say spreading misinformation could leave company officers open to legal liability.

Keith Stewart of Greenpeace Canada says the letters are the first step in a long-term campaign to use the law to prevent the energy industry from delaying action on climate change.

The letter has been sent to five Canadian companies: Suncor, Talisman Energy, Husky Energy, EnCana and Canadian Natural Resources. THE CANADIAN PRESS

‘Canada has delivered,’ says UN Children’s Fund chief

Maternal health summit. UNICEF head lauds courage of Nigerian schoolgirls as conference opens

Sara Schulz, who is eight months pregnant and World Vision’s child health policy adviser, helps to set up a striking display in Toronto, Wednesday, to urge world leaders to focus on the millions of “invisible” children and women who die each year of preventable causes. WORLD VISION CANADA/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Efforts to improve the health of newborns and their mothers in poor countries must also include protecting them from violence, such as the terror caused by Boko Haram in Nigeria, says the head of the UN Children’s Fund.

UNICEF chief Anthony Lake offered that assessment in an interview Wednesday with The Canadian Press prior to the opening of Stephen Harper’s international conference on maternal, newborn and child health.

Lake lauded the prime minister’s leadership in helping children and mothers in developing countries as he heaped praise on the courage of the teenage girls kidnapped by Boko Haram in northern Nigeria.

He said he would raise his concerns about child protection in a private meeting later Wednesday with Harper’s international development minister, Christian Paradis.

As for Harper, Lake said: “He has led the way on this and Canada has delivered and is delivering, again 80 per cent of its commitment at Muskoka.”

Harper unveiled the Muskoka Initiative at the G8 summit Canada hosted in 2010, and it has become the government’s signature development priority.

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Threat to girls’ education

Kidnapping highlights larger issue

The Boko Haram kidnapping was on the minds of many at the three-day summit on maternal and child health.

Anthony Lake, head of the UN Children’s Fund, said the Nigerian kidnapping draws attention to one of the underlying causes of the health threats faced by young mothers and girls in impoverished, war-torn countries: the importance of overcoming the threat to girls’ education posed by militant groups.

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Fontana defends himself on stand at fraud trial

'Stupid' mistake.
RCMP charged London, Ont., mayor because they believe he was trying to skim $1,700 from public purse

SCOTT TAYLOR
Metro in London, Ont.

London, Ont., Mayor Joe Fontana walks to court Wednesday, Day 3 of his trial. DAVE CHIDLEY/THE CANADIAN PRESS

The judge presiding over the criminal trial of London, Ont., Mayor Joe Fontana has given the defence reason to believe that its case has made an impression.

After testimony ended Wednesday, Superior Court Justice Bruce Thomas told both sides to be prepared to focus their final submissions on only one of the three charges Fontana is facing.

Fontana is charged with fraud under $5,000, breach of trust by a public official and uttering forged documents in connection with a $1,700 cheque from Public Works Canada.

The Crown alleges he intended to pocket the money to make up for a deposit he paid on his son's June 2005 wedding reception at the Marconi Club.

But Thomas said on Wednesday that, should he accept the defence's argument that Fontana made a self-admitted "stupid" mistake and had no criminal intent, both sides should be prepared to argue whether Fontana forged a document.

Defence witnesses corroborated Fontana's story.

When Fontana testified in his own defence, he denied assistant Crown attorney Tim Zuber's accusation that he was trying to fool Ottawa bureaucrats into reimbursing him.

The case wraps up Thursday.

New crew off to space station

In this photo the Soyuz-FG rocket booster with the Soyuz TMA-13M space ship blasts off at the Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan. The Soyuz booster rocket lifted off as scheduled at 1:57 a.m., local time, on Thursday, carrying a new crew to the International Space Station.
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Somalia

Female soldiers joining the army

It's unusual to see a female in the military in traditionally conservative Somali society. But several determined women are joining the army.

Somali officials report female army recruits have increased following the ouster from the capital in 2011 of the Islamic extremist rebels of al-Shabab. According to estimates, about 1,500 women are now in the military of 20,000.
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U.S. policy

Drone strikes to continue: Obama

Barack Obama said Wednesday he will continue to "take direct action" by ordering drone strikes and capture operations on terrorists. But drone strikes will not occur unless there's "near certainty" civilians won't be harmed.
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Buried treasure. Couple's gold coin find valued at $11M goes up for sale

A treasure trove of rare gold coins discovered by a California couple out walking their dog has gone on sale.

The coins date from 1847 to 1894 and have been valued at $11 million.

Several coins were auctioned at the Old San Francisco Mint Tuesday, and one of them — an 1874 $20 double eagle that is usually worth $4,250 — sold for $15,000.

Don Kagin, whose firm is handling the sale, says most of the remaining 1,400 coins had gone on sale on Amazon.com and Kagins.com.

Some of the 1,427 Gold Rush-era gold coins. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

The couple found the coins last year buried under the shadow of a tree on their rural property.

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Exotic manure

Zoo believes people will buy anything

A zoo in southern Michigan is selling a composted mixture of manure produced by exotic animals.

Binder Park Zoo in Battle Creek will sell compost from herbivores at a "Zoo Doo" event Thursday and June 5 for $25 US a load to zoo members and $30 US for non-members.

Zebras, antelopes and giraffes are contributing to the gardening aid. Horticulturist Frank Cummins says the price is a deal, since cow manure can sell for around $3 US a bag.

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Mom, 4 kids live to tell tale of deer that fell on minivan

Vehicle totalled, but occupants survive. Witnesses saw the doe jump from a highway overpass onto the van travelling at 112 km/h

A suburban Chicago woman is grateful her family is safe after a 90-kilogram deer leapt from an overpass, landing on their minivan as it travelled along a highway.

Heidi Conner tells The (Arlington Heights) Daily Herald that the doe came to rest in the middle of the family's Chevy on Sunday. She and her four children were travelling about 112 km/h. She says the accident was bizarre, adding "nobody can believe this deer fell from the sky."

Illinois State Police say witnesses reported seeing the deer jump from an overpass onto the vehicle below.

Heidi Conner describes how a 90-kilogram deer leapt from an overpass and landed on her minivan as she and her four children travelled along an Illinois highway on Sunday. Conner says the accident totalled the van and caused minor injuries. DAILY HERALD, RICK WEST/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Conner says the crash totalled the van and caused minor injuries.

Police say the animal died.

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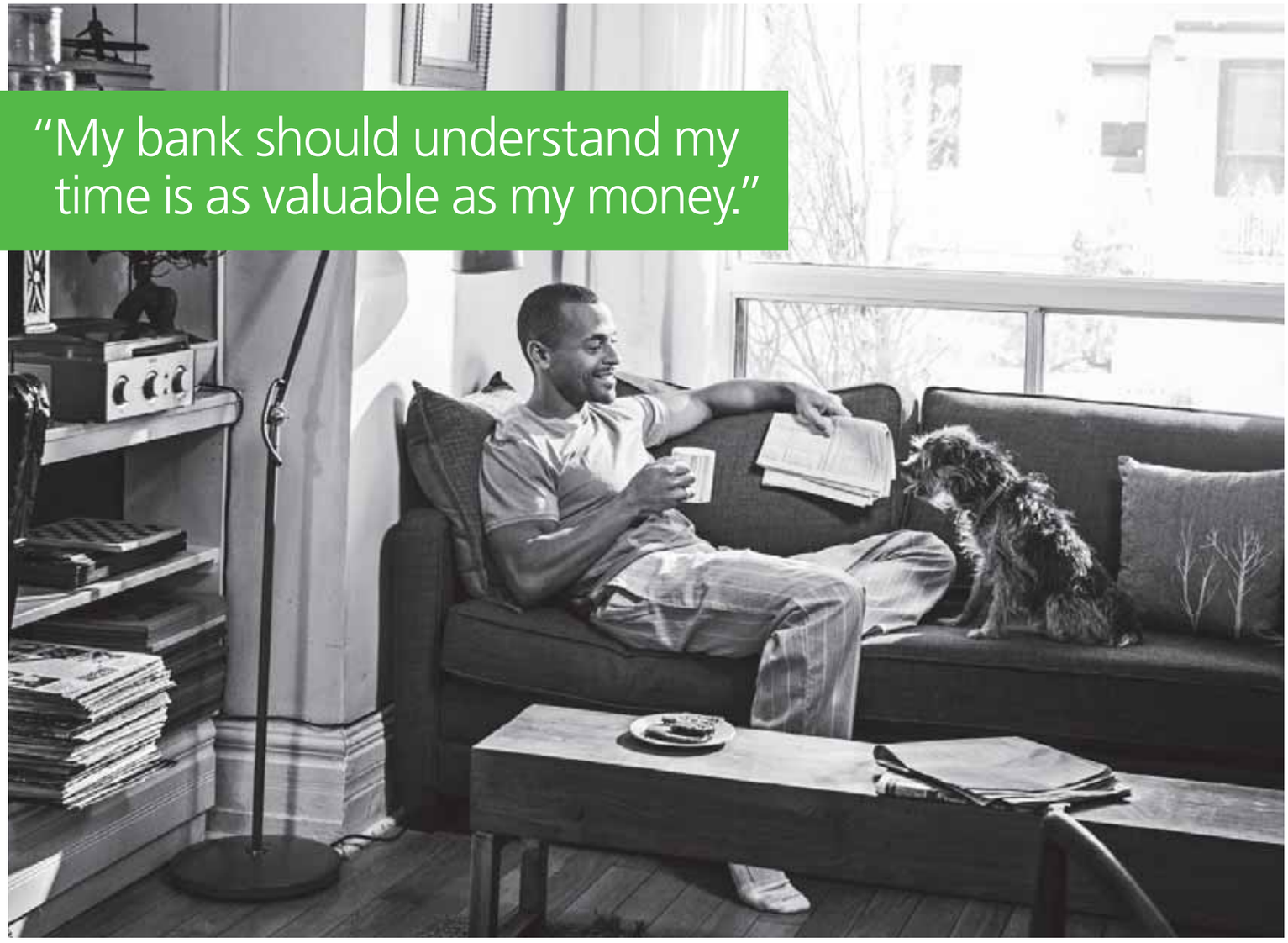

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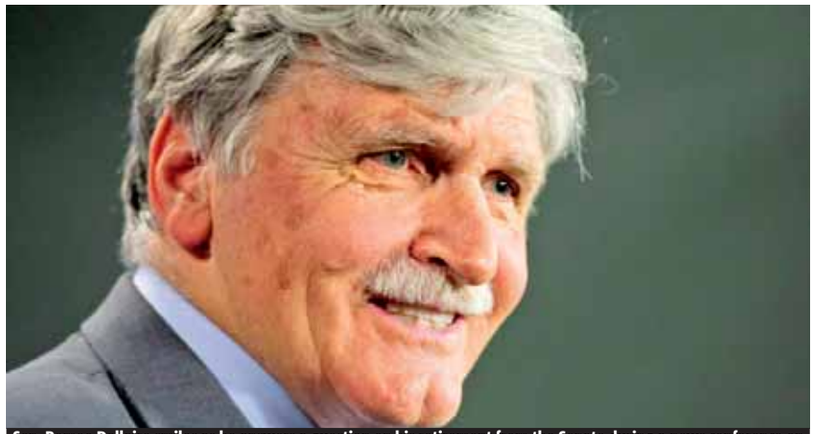
Sen. Dallaire resigning to focus on humanitarian work

'An extraordinary Canadian.' Former UN commander in Rwanda will serve last day in the upper chamber on June 17



Sen. Romeo Dallaire smiles as he answers a question on his retirement from the Senate during a news conference on Parliament Hill in Ottawa on Wednesday. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Liberal Sen. Romeo Dallaire, a career soldier best known in Canada as the former commander of the UN's ill-fated peacekeeping mission in Rwanda, is resigning — not retiring, he insists — from the upper chamber.

Dallaire's last day in the Senate will be June 17, after which he intends to focus attention on a growing portfolio of international humanitarian work, the square-jawed senator told a news conference Wednesday.

The decision has nothing to do with either the shadow of scandal that has loomed over the Senate for more than a year, or with the Rwandan-born post-traumatic stress disorder that has haunted him for 20 years, he said.

Rather, the 68-year-old Dallaire said he felt there simply wasn't enough time in his schedule to be a senator while also pursuing causes close to his heart that are related to defence and human rights in the international arena.

"I have an awful lot of work ahead of me, and it was important for me to leave at this point."

Dallaire said resigning has left him with a "torn heart" because his nine years in the Senate allowed him to champion issues including veterans and their families, a strong military to help ensure global peace, anti-terrorism, aboriginal rights and better intelligence oversight.

"I think it was a very useful instrument for me to advance things I believe in," he said.

While Dallaire's news came as a surprise, it was quickly followed by glowing praise from all political quarters.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper thanked the senator via Twitter for his service, Conservative Sen. Hugh Segal said he was "devastated" to hear of his colleague's decision, calling it "a huge loss," and NDP Leader Tom Mulcair called Dallaire "an extraordinary Canadian."

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Privacy

Canadian spy agency collects personal info for cyberdefence

Canada's electronic spy agency says it gathers and sometimes keeps personal information — including names and email addresses of Canadians — as part of efforts to protect vital networks from cyberattacks.

Communications Security Establishment Canada maintains an information bank containing the personal information of "potentially any individual" who communicates electronically with a key federal computer network while CSEC is assessing its vulnerability.

Information in the bank — known as CSEC PPU 007 — is held for up to 30 years before being transferred to Library and Archives Canada, says a description in the federal Info Source guide, which lists the various categories of personal information held by the government.

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Sorry, that's not how you become a polar bear

A black bear north of Shellbrook, Sask., decided to take a power nap atop a power pole last Friday after he escaped a pair of dogs. According to a SaskPower spokesperson, a customer alerted the company to the animal, and crews were then dispatched to check out the bedtime bear. "It's kind of an unusual thing," the spokesman said. "He did manage to get down from the pole safely, and is not injured as far as we know and didn't do any damage to the pole or cause any sort of power outage." COURTESY SASKPOWER

Manitoba

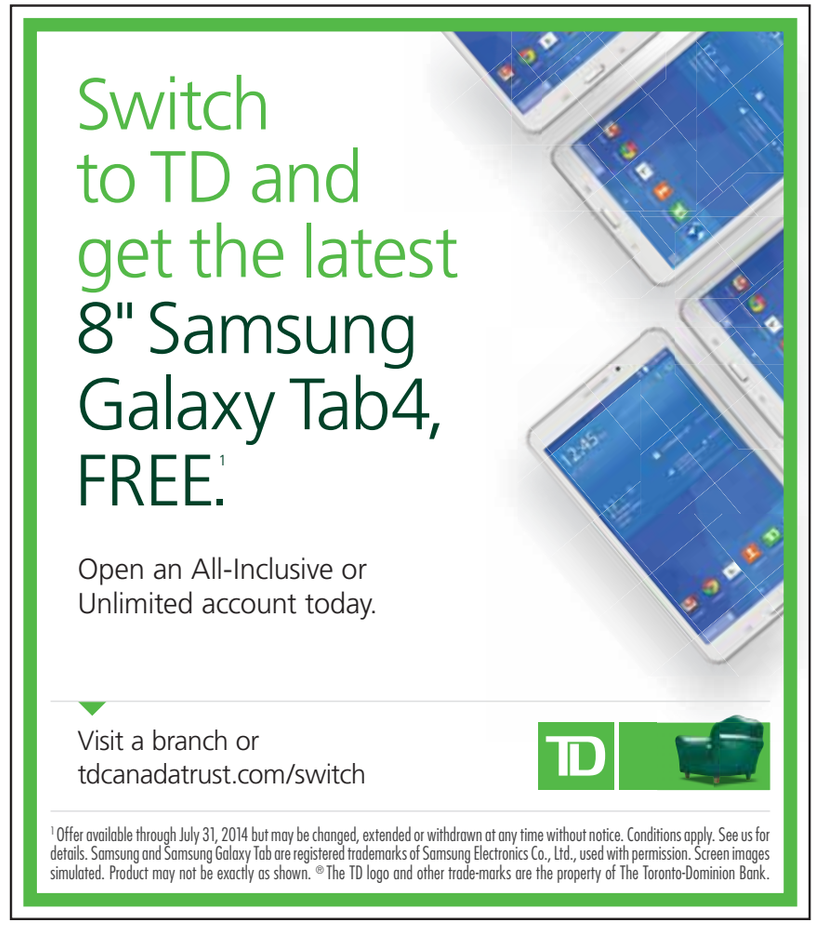
Lodge owner sorry for brochure that says not to give alcohol to natives

The owner of a Manitoba fishing lodge apologized Wednesday for comments in his visitors guide that said aboriginals cannot handle alcohol.

"It was a total mistake and should not have been in there. It's an old trip planning guide that I've used for like 15 years and I had no idea that that was even in there," Brent Fleck of Laurie River Lodge said.

"I've issued an apology to the chief down in Pukatawagan and to the natives that work for me and … it's certainly not our opinion and not something that we want to forward in any way shape or form."

The lodge's Facebook page was filled with angry comments over a section of the brochure that warns guests not to give alcohol to aboriginal guides. THE CANADIAN PRESS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Convicted bomber. Trial set for Arab-U.S. activist

An Arab-American activist charged with lying about her conviction for a 1969 Israel bombing when she applied for U.S. citizenship appeared in court Wednesday with a new lawyer who pledged to take the case to trial.

Rasmieh Yousef Odeh, 66, of Chicago turned down a plea agreement last week and fired her attorney. Her new lawyer, Michael Deutsch, has made a career of representing political activists.

Deutsch said Odeh's mental state when she applied to enter the U.S. from Jordan in 1994 and sought citizenship in 2004 could become an issue at trial.

A trial date has been set for Oct. 21. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Facebook

Prosecutor says Zuckerberg will not appear in Iranian court

An Iranian prosecutor has denied reports that a local judge ordered Facebook founder and CEO Mark Zuckerberg to appear in court to answer complaints by individuals who say Facebook-owned applications Instagram and Whatsapp violate their privacy.

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Central African Republic

Muslim militants assault church

Muslim rebels used guns and grenades as they stormed a Catholic church compound in the capital of Central African Republic on Wednesday, killing as many as 30 people, witnesses said.

The attack on the compound at the Church of Fatima is the largest blamed on Muslim fighters since their Seleka coalition was ousted from power nearly five months ago.

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Israel risks heading to apartheid: de Klerk

Palestinian autonomy. Former South African president warns Israel of consequences of failing to reach peace agreement

Nobel Prize laureate and former South African President Frederik Willem de Klerk.
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South Africa's last president under white rule has suggested that Israel risks heading toward apartheid if it does not reach a peace deal with the Palestinians.

The comments by F.W. de Klerk echo warnings made by Palestinian, American and dovish Israeli officials. But his words carry special meaning, given his role in South Africa's painful history of race relations.

De Klerk was the last president under apartheid and, along with the late Nelson Mandela, brought about the end to decades of systematic racial discrimination against blacks, jointly winning the 1993 Nobel Peace Prize.

Comparisons to South Africa's racist rule have increased in public discourse about Israel and its treatment of Palestinians. In April, U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry — who had been mediating negotiations between Israel and the Palestinians — set off an uproar when he made a similar warning.

In an interview aired Tuesday on Israeli Channel 2 TV, de Klerk said calling Israel an apartheid state now was "unfair." But he said that without the establishment of a Palestinian state, Israel may have to contend with the consequences of one state for both peoples.

"The test will be (does) everybody living then in such a unitary state, will everybody have full political rights?" de Klerk said. "Will everybody enjoy their full human rights? If they will, it's not an apartheid state."

He added: "There will come in Israel a turning point where if the main obstacles at the moment which exist to a successful two-state solution are not removed, the two-state solution will become impossible."

De Klerk was in Israel receiving an honorary doctorate from the University of Haifa. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Study: PBDEs could lower kids' IQ

Researchers in B.C. say lower IQ and greater hyperactivity in young children appears to be significantly linked to a woman's exposure to flame retardants during early pregnancy.

The Simon Fraser University study found there's an association between women being exposed to a 10-fold increase of certain chemicals when their baby's brain is developing and a 4.5-point drop in the standard measure of intelligence.

The chemicals of concern are polybrominated diphenyl ethers, known as PBDEs, which have been widely used to prevent the spread of fire in furniture, carpet padding and car seats.

Researcher and health sciences Prof. Bruce Lanphear says North Americans are likely exposed to higher amounts of PBDEs than people in other parts of the world, and it could take decades to flush the chemicals from their environments.

The study suggests the impact of the chemicals is comparable to exposure to lead, which was once used in various products including paint and pipes in homes and offices.

The long-term study, published online in the journal Environmental Health Perspectives, followed more than 300 U.S. women from 16 weeks of pregnancy to when their children were five years old.

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Cancer survivor Caitlin Jones was an avid indoor tanner until she discovered that a spot on her forehead was basel cell carcinoma. CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Melanoma diagnoses on the rise

Take precautions.
Skin cancer cases are increasing in both genders in Canada

Caitlin Jones was an avid indoor tanner — until she discovered that a spot on her forehead just below her hair line was basel cell carcinoma, which comprises about four out of five non-melanoma skin cancers.

Jones, 23, had surgery to remove a quarter-sized piece of skin to excise the cancer — a procedure that altered her view on tanning.

The Canadian Cancer Society worries that more people will share the similar stories to Jones in the future. That's because skin cancers — particularly the most deadly kind, melanoma — are the most common kinds of cancers in Canada.

While incidences of some cancers are actually going down, melanoma cases are on the rise, in both women and men. In 2014, it is estimated that 6,500 new melanoma diagnoses will be made, and 1,050 Canadians will die from this form of cancer.

The skin cancer figures are among new national projections for the toll cancer will take in Canada this year.

The cancer society estimates 191,300 Canadians will get a new cancer diagnosis in 2014, and 76,600 will die from some form of cancer.

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Olé, olé, olé: World Cup boosts stocks after the win

Goldman Sachs report. Stocks of the World Cup winner outperform the global market ... in the month after the win

Winning the soccer World Cup can bring instant rewards to that country's stock market investors. But they better be quick, as the post-victory rally doesn't last long.

That's the conclusion of investment bank Goldman Sachs, which published a wide-ranging report on the World Cup and its economic impact.

Goldman Sachs analysts found "a clear pattern of outperformance by the winning team in the weeks after the World Cup final." On average, the victorious country's stocks outperform the global market by 3.5 per cent in the first month, the investment bank's strategy team said.

The conclusions are based on statistics since 1974, when West Germany beat the Netherlands, and appear to be fairly consistent over time. Only Brazil failed to outperform after its win in 2002, largely because the football-mad nation was consumed by recession and a currency crisis.

"In the absence of a severe economic crisis, the winner tends to enjoy the spoils of success in the markets for a brief period at least," Peter Oppenheimer, Goldman Sachs' chief global equity strategist, said in the report published late Tuesday.

A notable exception was Spain, whose stock market rallied 5.7 per cent in the month after the national team won in 2010 its first World Cup — even though the country, along with many of its peers in Europe, was in the midst of an economic and financial crisis.

Investors should be careful, however, not to think that such euphoria will yield longer-lasting gains.

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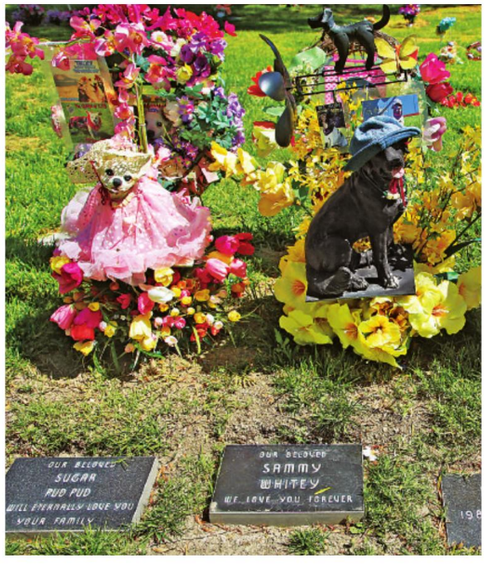

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Beloved family pets memorialized with statues at the Los Angeles Pet Cemetery in Calabasas, Calif. Some people saying goodbye to a beloved cat or dog spend big bucks, with businesses sending their pet's remains to the bottom of the sea or letting them fly high into the sky. NICK UT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CEO of Exxon Mobil

'Business as usual' in Russia despite sanctions: Exxon

The CEO of Exxon Mobil says U.S. sanctions against Russian officials are having no effect on his company's activities there.

Rex Tillerson also says that he is skeptical of sanctions and has discussed his view with U.S. government officials. Tillerson made the comments Wednesday after Exxon Mobil Corp.'s annual meeting.

U.S. sanctions over Russia's annexation of Crimea have targeted the president of Russia's largest oil company, Rosneft, but not the company itself. Exxon has an exploration and production agreement with Rosneft in the Russian Arctic and Siberia. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Valeant Pharmaceuticals

Quebec company ups its bid price for Botox maker

Valeant Pharmaceuticals increased its hostile offer to buy Botox-maker Allergan on Wednesday and threatened to bypass the board by taking it directly to shareholders.

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HE SAYS
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Is the world getting better or worse?

It's a question that's been debated for decades by a diverse array of middle-aged white men with post-secondary educations. Happy that my people are getting a voice, I've given the issue a lot of thought myself.

I'm torn. On one hand, the world sucks; on the other, it sucks to a lesser magnitude than any time since the Space Odyssey monolith taught us how to brain our fellow monkeys.

The world feels like it's getting worse, but that's just human nature. It's the same phenomenon that allows us to believe that every generation but our own is the one destroying the Earth.

When we were young, we convinced ourselves that our generation was the most hard-done-by ever, which is why the peace and prosperity of the early 1990s still managed to produce teens sulking to Nirvana and Smashing Pumpkins. Then we got older and convinced ourselves that young people were out of control. I'm reaching the age where friends talk about "the teens on the bus" or "the kids at the mall" as if they are a consolidated trade union with the united goal of making life miserable for normal people. Whether we blame the selfish baby boomers or the irresponsible youth, everyone thinks the world is spinning out of control. But what is the reality?

Here are some of the key arguments when weighing Louis Armstrong's "What a wonderful world" against the Wicked Witch of the West's "Oh what a world!"

Resolved — the world is getting better

Pro:

*The intertwined world economy means it's rare for two countries with McDonald's to go to war, most likely because people are too winded to lift their weapons and too big to wedge themselves into their tank holes.

* Thanks to the miracle of the Internet, literally anyone with a minor rash can spend a few minutes online and confidently diagnose themselves with cancer.

* Game of Thrones is so awesome right now.

* Previously intractable problems such as extreme poverty can now be solved with a clever hashtag.

* The world is united as never before thanks to its shared hatred of Kim and Kanye.

Con:

* While countries with McDonald's rarely fight each other, hundreds of thousands have died in the Denny's Wars.

* "Statisticians" will try to tell you that life expectancy is getting higher, but did you know that every single person on Earth is closer to death today than they were yesterday?

* YouTube comments.

* The government knows everything about me, including my PIN, my taste for online rap battles, and that when I'm in a rush I use Head & Shoulders as impromptu bodywash, despite the anatomical specificity of its name.

* Genetically modified strawberries are watery and flavourless.

Five arguments for and five against, so you can see why I haven't yet reached a conclusion. My gut feeling is that the world is better than it's ever been, but that climate change is a sizable wild card that could drastically increase violent weather, destroy the world's agriculture and sink entire cities. Darn kids.

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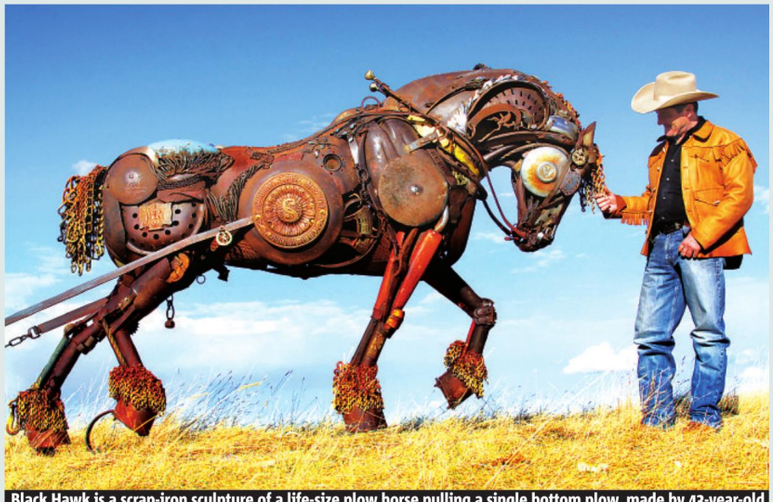

Black Hawk is a scrap-iron sculpture of a life-size plow horse pulling a single bottom plow, made by 43-year-old artist John Lopez, based in Lemmon, S.D. JOHN LOPEZ/REX FEATURES

South Dakota

Artist turns metal into animals

The heavy beasts look like they're up for a scrap — scrap metal, that is. These sculptures are the work of artist John Lopez, who welds the pieces from abandoned farm machinery. Based in Lemmon, S.D., the 43-year-old has created full-size replicas of animals such as a horse, buffalo and even a triceratops dinosaur. MWN

Artist's viewpoint

"I moved to my uncle's ranch to make a family cemetery. But after finishing a perimeter fence I ran out of material and, being 35 miles from the nearest town, had to search for usable scrap iron on site. It led on to working with the metal as art material."

John Lopez, scrap-metal artist

Favorite weld-work

'The plow horse is a part of our past'

Out of all the critters welded, the scrap-iron plow horse named Black Hawk is Lopez's most prized creation. "The plow horse is a symbol worldwide that we all understand to be a part of our past and history. We depended on them so much before modern machinery was invented," the artist says. "I think Black Hawk is the one I am most proud of." MWN

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They're happy tears

ANDREW FIFIELD
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Listen. This is a crucial warning.

This video of Mr. G, a very sad and lonely goat being reunited with his best pal, Jellybean the burro, is a festival of tears. Not lock-yourself-indoors-with-Enya-songs-and-a-tub-of-ice-cream tears, mind you. More the redemptive kind.

So as long as you're OK with being a little tear-streaked — or at least misty — in public, then by all means, go right ahead.

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SCENE 2

Original Gen X writer, new gen artists challenge you

Art for all. Young aboriginal artists and Vancouver's own Douglas Coupland vie for your attention

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TV casualty by artist Harry Brown is among the offerings at the Museum of Anthropology's Claiming Space: Voices of Urban Aboriginal Art. The exhibit begins Sunday. CONTRIBUTED

If you're a fan of radical, heavily politicized contemporary art, then UBC's Museum of Anthropology has the exhibition for you.

Claiming Space: Voices of Urban Aboriginal Art presents thought-provoking film, fashion, photography, painting, performance, creative writing, new media by a group of young artists (aged 15 to 25) starting June 1.

It's curated by MOA's Pam Brown and MOA curatorial assistant, Elle-Máijá Tailfeathers.

"Unfiltered and unapologetic, this exhibition unites more than 25 young artists from across Canada, the US, Norway and New Zealand to define what it means to be an urban aboriginal youth in today's society," says Tailfeathers.

"In doing so, they challenge centuries of stereotyping and assimilative policies. This exhibit will leave visitors with the understanding that today's urban aboriginal youth are not only acutely aware of the ongoing impacts of colonization, but are also creatively engaging with decolonizing movements through new and traditional art forms."

More information at MOA.UBC.ca MOA.UBC.ca.

Gumhead

You may have seen Douglas Coupland's Gumhead on the news. It's a seven-foot-tall interactive self-portrait by the artist that will live outside the Vancouver Art Gallery on Howe Street.

All you have to do is put your gum on it and — presto! — you've made a lasting contribution to British Columbia's artistic lexicon.

The head is part of Douglas Coupland: everywhere is anywhere is anything is everything, his first solo museum exhibition.

It features more than 100 works across a range of media: installation, painting, photography, prints, and more.

Says VAG's chief curator Daina Augaitis: "Douglas Coupland's work sheds light on subjects as varied as the distinct nature of Canadian identity, the rise of utopian ideas, the power of words, the presence of digital technologies, the significance of the every day, and the unshakeable nature of one's own constitution — ideas that Coupland examines with both optimism and some trepidation."

See those ideas for yourself starting Saturday, May 31. Visit CouplandExhibition.org for more information.

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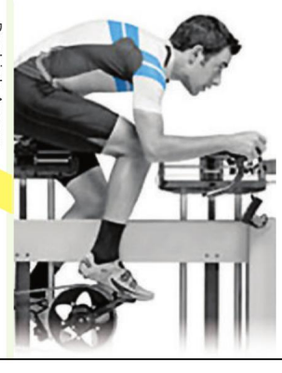

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How to elicit Piercing laughter

The Love Punch.
Brosnan has no problem laughing at his age or past roles

NED EHRBAR
Metro World News in Hollywood

Pierce Brosnan isn't afraid to poke fun at himself or his age — or his time playing James Bond and Thomas Crowne — in the pursuit of a good laugh. Plus, going for those laughs opposite Emma Thompson doesn't hurt. Brosnan and Thompson play bickering exes in writer-director Joel Hopkins' The Love Punch, about a couple who get carried away with a jewel heist as revenge against the callous French banker who tanked their retirement fund.

It's hard to believe this is the first time you've teamed up with Emma Thompson. How was it working with her?
Oh, it was out-of-the-box great. Such a memorable summer it was. We hit the ground running Day One, scene one, like we'd been working together forever. We'd wanted to work with each other for many years. There's just a real fondness for each other, and from my point of view she's just such a gifted lady — beautiful, gifted, kind, gracious, affable. If she was here I wouldn't get a word in edgewise. She is just wildly entertaining.

This film sneaks in some fun nods to your time as James Bond and other previous work.
I certainly got the jokes within the jokes — dressing up in a wetsuit, scaling a rubber mountain, stealing a diamond. Of course. If not now, when? Joel and I had talked often about this kind of humour and this kind of film. So all of the ingredients were just ripe for the doing.

It is odd, though, to see Timothy Spall in a wetsuit.
It's quite a sight to behold.

Pierce Brosnan and Emma Thompson star in The Love Punch, which is in theatres now. CONTRIBUTED

They gave him the wrong size wetsuit. They had to slit it up the back — you can actually see it in the film if you freeze it. Poor Timothy, he was miserable. And they gave him a three-ply, and it was a summer's day. It was so hot.

The locations did seem fairly pleasant.
Bliss, utter joy. It started in the South of France at the Carlton Hotel. I woke up, it was a gorgeous morning, I fed the seagulls that came to my little balcony suite that I had at the top of the hotel. I went down and we all met each other and we started the play. They had lovely French lunches where there's wine — they actually sat us out front on the Croisette. Then we went back to work and continued our day, and that's how the shoot went. So it was very civilized, very otherworldly romantic. I mean, it's a retro-type film.

How do you get the right tone for a screwball comedy like this?
It has to start with sincerity and honesty and a good story. It has to be founded within the truthfulness of character and storytelling so that you can then go off the rails but always come back to it. And in this case, this man is middle-aged, divorced, playing the field with women that are too young for him — that man-boy type mentality. There was a good, strong foundation in that. So for me it was always that, and then ... wetsuits.

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Shocker! Hollywood couple splits over plastic bottle.

Brad and Christina call it quits because of irreconcilable recycling differences.

The power couple, also known as 'Bristina,' filed for divorce earlier this week after she was caught throwing a plastic bottle in the garbage. The discarded bottle told reporters, "What she did was just trashy and he needed to know about it." After a lavish wedding, the marriage lasted a total of 17 hours. And while that's average for most celebrity marriages, it still comes as a shock.

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Maya Angelou: 1928-2014

In this 1971 photo, Renaissance woman and cultural pioneer Maya Angelou poses with a copy of her book, I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings, one of the most widely read memoirs of the past few decades. Angelou died Wednesday morning at her home in Winston-Salem, N.C., her son, Guy B. Johnson, said in a statement. The 86-year-old had been a professor of American studies at Wake Forest University since 1982. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

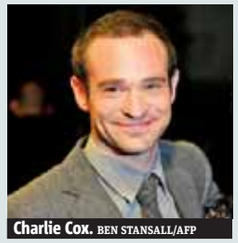
Netflix

Charlie Cox to play Daredevil

Online content platform Netflix has cast British actor Charlie Cox in the lead for its new production on Marvel's blind superhero. The 13-episode miniseries will arrive in 2015.

Cox is the first recruit for Netflix's new collection of four miniseries, each featuring a different Marvel superhero. The platform plans to introduce its subscribers to Jessica Jones, Iron Fist and Luke Cage.

Daredevil battles injustice both during the day, as a lawyer named Matt Murdock, and at night as his superhero alter ego with hyper-developed senses. AFP



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Miley Cyrus ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Miley to Billy Ray: A reality show wouldn't be the Best of Both Worlds

Oh, how the tables have turned. While Miley Cyrus got her start in entertainment thanks to the guidance of dad Billy Ray Cyrus, it now looks like she's advising him on his career decisions. "Billy Ray has turned down what must be his sixth reality show offer in the last four years because Miley has been very strict with her parents about not doing them, even though they have been offered a fortune by all the big players, including Bravo, Lifetime and E!, to open up their home to cameras," a source tells Radar Online. "Miley would much rather do a Christmas special or a concert at the Hollywood Bowl with her dad rather than watch him embarrass himself like Bruce Jenner on TV every week." Apparently the offers were getting lucrative enough to be very, very tempting, the source says. "But ultimately she was very thankful they came to an understanding that it would be a bad idea."

Charlize Theron loving the single life at 38 years old

Charlize Theron has never been married and she couldn't be happier about it. "I'm sure some people would be like, 'I would never want to have that life.' I'm sure there's a lot of aspects to my life that a lot of people wouldn't want. Like the fact that I'm single at 38. That's not necessarily what a lot of women want," she tells Esquire U.K. "But I'm just saying, a life is good if it's the life that you want. I am living my life in a way that if tomorrow it ended — and I hope not, because I have a kid — but if it did, this was the life that I really wanted to live. But I work at that, you know?"

Charlize Theron

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word

Uh oh! Video surfaces of 1D's Zayn and Louis smoking pot

MELINDA TAUB
Metro World News

Ah, a squeaky clean pop group's first big scandal. Someone put this in the photo album: Video surfaced this week of One Direction stars Louis Tomlinson and Zayn Malik smoking a joint in a van.

The Daily Mail has the full video. Louis, who's also the cameraman, says that the group are on their way out of Peru. Marijuana is not particularly legal in Peru, although possession of under eight ounces is decriminalized, and Louis makes clear that he knows what they're doing is not exactly kosher. While filming their police motorcycle escort, Louis jokes, "He's having a look. He's thinking, 'I'm sure I can smell an illegal substance in there,' and he's hit the nail on the head."

Zayn, on the other hand, is a less chatty stoner. He doesn't say much, just smokes, and beams, and chants "Mary J. Blige" in falsetto.

So world, are we going to be shocked by this? I know it's illegal and all, but at this point it's barely illegal most places. I think I'd be more shocked if two teenish dudes weren't smoking pot than if they were. Plus, they just seem so very proud to be Big Boys Doing Drugs that it's a little hard to stay mad at their cute little faces. I imagine those same faces have gotten them out of every scrape they've ever been in. OK, now I'm getting mad again.

Denise Richards

Denise Richards house-hunting after Charlie Sheen kicks her out of her home

Denise Richards and her children are apparently on the hunt for new digs after ex-husband Charlie Sheen reportedly kicked them out of the house in which they'd been living and sold it to a friend, according to the National Enquirer. Sheen initially purchased the home for Richards, but his lawyers "have been working with Denise on vacating the premises," a source says. "Charlie has wanted Denise out of the gated community — where he also lives — for months, and his porn star fiancée, Brett Rossi, has been pushing for it, too." Sheen and Richards have been clashing lately over child support and how much time Sheen can spend with the children they share.

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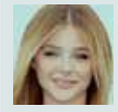

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A very Coupland collection

Douglas Coupland and Roots have teamed up for a new capsule collection of clothes inspired by the author, artist and Canadian cultural icon. The collection, released this week, was inspired by Coupland's visual work and coincides with his Vancouver Art Gallery exhibition Douglas Coupland: everywhere is anywhere and anything is everything. For more information, visit canada.roots.com. METRO

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Al fresco gets into a vegan state of mind

Grilled Eggplant Sandwiches. Try a filling that's just as satisfying at meat

"Simple yet full of texture and flavour, these sandwiches can be prepared ahead of time and taken with you if there are no cooking facilities at your picnic spot," writes Carla Kelly in her book Vegan al fresco. "However, if you can grill on location, bring the marinated eggplant in containers and put sandwiches together using eggplant strips hot off the grill."

This recipe serves four. TRACEY KUSIEWICZ/FOODIE PHOTOGRAPHY.

1. In a large flat container with a resealable lid or in a large zip-close bag, combine all marinade ingredients.

2. Cut eggplant in half lengthwise, then into 16 1/4-inch (6-mm) wide strips. Place eggplant slices in bag with marinade and toss to coat. Marinate for at least 1 hour (longer is better). Turn after 30 minutes.

3. In a small bowl, combine chive butter ingredients. Cover and chill until required.

4. Preheat barbecue to high (or broiler, if using oven) and grill eggplant slices for 20 minutes, turning as required until both sides are golden and a little caramelized. While grilling, split rolls lengthwise and lightly toast if desired.

5. Spread rolls with chive butter. Place tomato slices, greens, and red onions on 1 side of each sandwich. Top each with 4 slices of grilled eggplant. **FROM VEGAN AL FRESCO: HAPPY & HEALTHY RECIPES FOR PICNICS, BARBECUES & OUTDOOR DINING BY CARLA KELLY (ARSENAL PULP PRESS, 2014)**

Ingredients

- 1 medium eggplant, , about 1 lb (500 g)

Marinade

- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 1/4 cup (60 ml) white wine
- 2 tbsp white balsamic vinegar or vegetable stock
- 2 tsp toasted cumin seeds
- 1 tsp smoked paprika
- 1/2 tsp dried tarragon
- 1/4 –1/2 tsp chili flakes
- salt and ground black pepper, to taste

Chive Butter

- 1/4 cup (60 ml) finely chopped fresh chives
- 2 tbsp finely chopped shallots
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) vegan margarine

To Assemble

- 4 long baguette-style rolls
- 2 fresh ripe tomatoes, sliced
- 2 cups baby spinach

Cookbook of the Week

For barbecues, backyards and beaches

There is something about eating outside, so it's no surprise that al fresco dining is becoming popular.

In Vegan al fresco, Carla Kelly prepares elegant vegan dishes for outdoor dining. The book includes prep and cooking times, advice on portability, and menu suggestions for special occasions.

Split into sections such as Sandwiches and Spreads, On the Grill, and Ready Built Salads, it includes recipes for Samosa Spring Rolls, Creamy Macaroni Salad, Chickpea Sausages, Hazelnut Latte Cupcakes and more. **METRO**

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Outdoor rugs more stylish than ever

The outdoor floor.
Weave a summer spell with colourful runners and natural grass rugs

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An outdoor rug can offer more than just comfort underfoot. It can also lighten, brighten and freshen up a dull outdoor space. Fashioned after indoor styles, an outdoor rug can help make your adjoining outdoor space's decor reflect your indoor style — a great way to extend the feeling of your home during warm weather months.

Size: Choose a size of rug that helps to define a sitting area. As in choosing an area rug for the inside of your home, make sure the front legs of your patio furnishings sit on the rug. This will create the perimeter of your outdoor room no matter how large your outdoor space.

Juice up the patio with a shot of orange for the summer months. Miami Lattice Outdoor Rug, 5 x 8 ft., $69, UrbanBarn.com. ALL PHOTOS CONTRIBUTED

Shape: On a small or squared-shaped deck, consider using a round rug to add a soft line to the outdoor seating space. Consider runner-length carpets for long skinny balconies or a series of square rugs to help define various small areas on the balcony.

Colour: A fashionably coloured rug will help to add personality and create a focal point in a space without a view or other focus.

Neutral and less colourful rugs are perfect to tie a seating plan together without taking away from colourful furnishings.

Materials: Most outdoor rugs are made of synthetic fibres like olefin or polyester and plastic. There are also natural grass weave rugs. These are most suited for covered areas such as balconies or porches.

Although made for outdoors, never dismiss the idea of using an outdoor rug inside your home if you need a durable and affordable carpet. Children's rooms, arts and crafts areas and busy entryways are just a few areas that would fare well with an attractive yet durable carpet.

If planning a special dinner party outside, why not bring your inside rug out and use it for the night? Remembering to bring it inside at the end of the party is most likely the hardest part.

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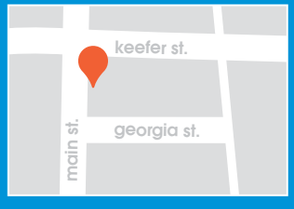

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VANCOUVER CONDO SALES SURGE

It may be slow and steady, but reports from Vancouver real estate industry insiders show a rise in home sales and a spike in the number of apartments and condominiums being purchased in the past year.

In 2013, 28,524 homes changed hands in the Greater Vancouver area generating $1.84-billion economic spin-off activity and 13,977 jobs, according to the Real Estate Board of Greater Vancouver (REBGV).

The total dollar value of residential sales transacted through the MLS system totalled $22 billion in 2013, and 2014 is showing strong numbers so far.

"We saw steady increases in home seller and buyer activity in April, which is typically the case in spring months," said Ray Harris, REBGV president.

Sales of apartment properties amounted to 1,172 in April 2014, an increase of 11.4 per cent compared to the year before. The benchmark price of an apartment property also increased 2.6 per cent to $375,000.

Inside the Greater Vancouver region in places such as Burnaby, not far past Boundary Road, there has been a spike in condo construction, and major plans coming for the Brentwood Mall area including the Solo project.

Andy Yan, urban planner with Bing Thom Architects, said Vancouver has grown to become one of the most desirable places to live on the globe, attracting foreign investment and seeing growth particularly in the luxury-construction sector.

"I think we offer a hedge against bad things happening in other places in the world, and I think increasingly people have recognized that across the world and that becomes a part of the rationale for investing into the city," he said.

Bob Rennie, local real estate and condo guru, told the Urban Land Institute in May that when the top 20 per cent of the market for the highest-priced homes are taken away, the rest of Vancouver remains affordable for locals.

– Sam Smith

REAL ESTATE VALUE UP IN 2014

- A valued $22-billion in real estate was sold in 2013.
- Condo and apartment sales are growing the fastest, with the average price and number of sales both rising in 2014.
- The MLS Home Price Index benchmark price for all residential properties in Metro Vancouver is $619,000, a 3.6 per cent increase from 2013.

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Brentwood will be 'a city within a city'

SkyTrain platform will be nestled in the heart of community, amongst shops

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In North Burnaby, a longtime vision is becoming a reality. The redevelopment of Brentwood Town Centre is finally here — and it's going to be amazing.

Twenty-eight acres at Willingdon and Lougheed are in the process of transforming into a residential, shopping, entertainment and social community bigger and more integrated than anything the region has done before: The Amazing Brentwood.

"Brentwood will become a model for cities striving to create communities that can be efficiently served by rapid transit. It will become a city within a city, seamlessly connected into the urban fabric of Burnaby, but on its own a complete master-planned community," says Darren Kwiatkowski, vice president of development at Shape Properties, developer of The Amazing Brentwood.

The Amazing Brentwood will be a vibrant shopping and entertainment destination, home to more than 350 shops and dining venues carefully chosen to include global brands and one-of-a-kind retailers. This multi-use development will have everything: a wide selection of shops and boutiques, grocery stores, cafés, restaurants, services, green space and luxury homes.

Its first luxurious residential towers, soon to be under development, will become the area's crowning touch with homes starting (yes, starting) from the 33rd floor. Needless to say the views will be spectacular in every direction.

With over a million square feet of retail an elevator ride away, residents will have everything they need and want at their fingertips.

Convenient enough for residents to pop down for an hour and diverse enough to entertain them for a lifetime, Brentwood will be a day-and-night, indoor-outdoor city centre, all directly connected to the Brentwood SkyTrain Station.

Brentwood's one-acre outdoor plaza will be an amphitheatre of activity where shoppers and residents can unwind in the cafés, or dine on the restaurant patios overlooking the grand fountain. The animated hub will host performances, farmers' markets and festivals year-round, which residents can watch along with the crowd or high above from their homes' well-positioned balconies.

"One of the signature elements of this community will be the extraordinary experience when arriving by SkyTrain. The station platform will open directly into the social heart of the community: the one acre public plaza. Lined with unique shops and restaurants, vibrant energy will live on from day to night as the space is surrounded by all-season al fresco patios, colourful umbrellas and the constant buzz of social interaction." says Kwiatkowski. "Brentwood is set to become Metro Vancouver's next metropolitan hub, centrally located with every amenity imaginable, and connected to SkyTrain and Highway 1 for access to the entire region."

Come down and see the difference for yourself.

The 15,000 square foot presentation centre and three show homes are now open for previews 12:00 to 5:00 p.m. every day at 4567 Lougheed Highway (Brentwood Mall). Visit theamazingbrentwood.com.

HIGH-ALTITUDE LIFESTYLE OF LUXURY

For residents of the homes at The Amazing Brentwood everything really is an elevator ride away — including over 20,000 square feet of private amenity space within the building.

Residents at The Amazing Brentwood will have exclusive access to more than 12,000 square feet of private outdoor space, including a wind-protected outdoor lounge, outdoor fireplaces, a children's play area and vibrant gardens.

The shared 8,000-square-foot indoor space is equal parts useful and fun. No need to provide a bed for your guests — they can stay in the guest suite.

After the night cools, take your private party from the outdoor lounge into the entertaining kitchen, hang out in the social lounge, or jam in the music room.

When residents are looking for a workout, they'll find it at the fully equipped, 2,800-square-foot fitness centre.

Spacious homes feature beautiful design, down to the last detail

The beauty is in the details at The Amazing Brentwood.

The multi-use development seamlessly incorporates homes, shopping, services and entertainment and is designed by noted architect James Cheng and marketed by Rennie Marketing Systems. Its 291 high-rise homes start from $299,900 and will be selling this spring.

The sleek, modern building will house stylish, contemporary homes. Travel at 1,000 feet per minute up one of the three high-speed elevators to your door and experience the intelligent floor plan, spacious balcony and beautiful features of the home interior.

High-quality finishings in the one-, two- and three-bedroom residences come standard: polished stone countertops, European cabinetry with soft-close hardware and high-end Bosch appliances, including a refrigerator and dishwasher concealed behind the cabinetry.

The homes are designed for living with features like a convenient kitchen island with breakfast bar and floor-to-ceiling cabinets that provide 40 per cent more storage space than the average condo. Residents will enjoy thoughtful features such as four-plug and USB outlets, nine foot ceilings and details normally found in much larger residences, including a laundry room with side-by-side washer and dryer.

When they want to get some air and take in the panorama of city, mountains and water, residents can step from the living room onto their large, private balcony. Most of these oversized balconies run the full length of the home and maximize the outdoor living experience.

"The level of detail that has gone into the design of these homes make this a truly unique offering in the market," says Tracie McTavish, president of Rennie Marketing Systems. "Before you buy anywhere else, you have to see The Amazing Brentwood."

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MAIN STREET'S LATEST GEM

FORM AND FUNCTION GEL AT FOCAL CONDO DEVELOPMENT

Great design isn't just something you find in high-end magazines or the homes of the rich — it's an essential quality to a home.

Great design gives a home both form and function, so that it's practical and esthetically enjoyable. That's the principle behind Focal, a new condo development by Reside Developments, located at 7th and Main in Vancouver.

The nine-storey project was designed by Arno Matis Architecture, a Vancouver-based firm known for their ability to make clean lines into something more.

"Design is an element that we often don't take into account, but which affects every aspect of our lives, particularly in our homes," says Dave Bauman, marketing director with Magnum Projects. "Focal takes design to a whole new level."

Informally called the Vertical Forest Building in the Vancouver real estate scene, Focal was designed with an eco-friendly wood veneer and a glass curtain panel facade that lets light filter into the interiors the way a forest would, creating a place where residents can take refuge and find peace. The facade opens up at strategic points to give each home expansive views of the city.

Focal was designed for residents of all types, from first-time homebuyers to downsizers. Its 90 units include studios, one-, two- and three-bedroom homes starting in the mid-$200,000s.

Designed by Riesco & Lapres Interior Design, the homes are as modern as the exteriors, giving residents great design in their day-to-day life. The stainless steel kitchen islands are highly practical and ready for anything the chef throws at them.

A step apart from the cookie-cutter condos, homes at Focal will have thoughtful design details including back painted glass backsplashes, Vitsoe open-shelving by Dieter Rams and matt black bathroom and kitchen hardware.

Brushed oak floors provide a timeless, durable finish to the home, designed to age gracefully.

Residents will have the chance to enjoy their own private rooftop oasis on the communal rooftop garden, which includes plots for green thumbs.

The Focal sales centre at 329 E Broadway is opening soon. For more information call 604-563-6777 or visit FocalOnMain.com

CLOSE TO HOME

When you live on Main Street, you don't need a car to get what you need. It's all at your fingertips — a quick walk or bike away.

Accessibility is a major factor in choosing a home, says Dave Bauman, marketing director with Magnum Projects, the marketer of Focal, a new condo development on Main Street and 7th Avenue in Vancouver.

Residents at Focal will experience unparalleled accessibility to shops and services, public transportation, schools and recreation.

When Focal residents are looking for some exercise, they can walk or bike down to the sea wall at False Creek. Creekside Community Centre at Olympic Village is a great spot to work out, or take one of the many courses on offer.

Main Street SkyTrain station is a short walk away, and buses are quick and easy to catch along Main Street or Broadway.

Location is loved by artists, foodies and beer connoisseurs

One of the backbones of old Vancouver, Main Street, is now one of the hippest areas in the city.

The burgeoning hot spot has just the right combination of new and established that appeals to eclectic tastes, according to Dave Bauman, marketing director with Magnum Projects, the marketer of Focal, a new condo development on Main Street and 7th Avenue in Vancouver.

"Main Street suits our vision for Focal — which is a very livable condo development that pushes the boundaries in terms of design," says Bauman. "That's what Main Street is all about, so Focal is a natural fit here."

If residents like the look and feel of Focal's design-forward approach, they'll enjoy the similar artistic esthetic of Main Street, he says. "It's a place for artists, designers and art lovers."

Main Street is also an entertainment hub with lots of places for foodies, fashion lovers and beer nerds. The neighbourhood of Mount Pleasant is home to several breweries, including Brassneck, 33 Acres and R&B Brewery.

Focal residents will have easy access to restaurants and cafés serving up food that's fresh, local, often organic and always delicious. With the plethora of dining options, there's something for every taste.

Feeling like sushi? Main Street has some of Vancouver's best sushi at Toshi. Vegetarian institution the Foundation is always buzzing. The Cascade Room is the perfect spot to chill with friends after work. The Whip makes a mean brunch. These and so many other options mean there's always something to explore.

Diverse local boutiques keep things interesting, whether you're looking for all-natural cleaning and household products, locally designed fashion or new and used records.

Community events happen along the street throughout the year. Car Free Day on June 15 opens up more than 20 blocks of Main Street to pedestrians, local vendors, street performers and food carts.

"Main Street is a special community in Vancouver," says Bauman. "We're proud to become a part of it."

A SHIFT IN PERSPECTIVE

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Think outside the garden

Local, organic produce is gaining popularity — now you can DIY — even in condos

Organic food sales are on the rise with more and more people now opting to spend a little bit more to get away from pesticide-ridden produce and instead get fresh, preferably locally-grown greens.

But getting the crispest lettuce and juiciest tomatoes doesn't have to come from a farm in Chilliwack. Instead, it can come right out of your own home garden, even if you live inside a condo.

"Container gardening is very doable and we see more people wanting to get into it all the time," said Sam Philips, co-founder of Victory Gardens in Vancouver. "It's as easy as getting some seeds and a container."

For vegetables or herbs you should start with an 18-inch deep pot with about a foot and a half for width, Philips said.

If it's for tomatoes or broccoli you could go bigger, but if it's for herbs such as rosemary, basil or thyme, a small terracotta pot will also do fine.

"When piecing together the pot be sure you use untreated wood, because treated wood has chemicals which can leech into the soil," Philips said. "Also add a layer of drainage rock at the bottom, about one-inch, otherwise the roots can get flooded with water and the plant will drown."

One of the most important points for any successful garden is to know the environment, Philips said.

"Check your light-levels, because that often dictates what will grow best," she said.

For apartments struggling with light, Philips recommended salad greens: lettuce, beans and herbs.

Otherwise the Vancouver climate is great for whatever you might desire, she added.

"I would also recommend using local, organic soil," Philips says. "In the end, you know where your food is coming from, it's more convenient, it saves money, and it makes you a better cook too." – *Sam Smith*

DOS AND DON'TS OF CONTAINER PLANTING

- Salad greens are the easiest to grow in Vancouver as they withstand harsh weather and don't need a lot of light.
- A typical garden container should be 18-inches deep and 18-inches wide.
- Keep a hole in the bottom of your container to drain water, otherwise the plant will drown.
- Growing your own herbs is the easiest way to see cost-savings.

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TWO TRICKS TO BRIGHTEN YOUR CONDO

"I love decorating with fresh seasonal flowers and local food," says Marshall at LUX Design. She recommends buying a bouquet of daisies or roses and splitting it into two or three vases around the condo. Another easy statement is to put seasonal fruit or vegetables into a pretty bowl on the table or counter.

It's summer inside and out

One of the best ways to salute the warmer weather in a condo or small space is to open your windows and let the fresh air in, says Natalie Marshall, a product designer at LUX Design, an interior design firm with offices across Canada.

It's all about refreshing the space. "Winter was so long this year and we're all ready for a change, especially where we live."

Here are other easy ways to spruce up your space for summer living:

- Always start with a deep clean that includes de-cluttering excess furniture and accessories, says Marshall. Be sure to put away all your cold-weather gear.
- Let the outside in. Frame a picture window so the outdoors is highlighted. That's what Susan Sommers did in the Toronto condo she moved into last year. "We bought very sheer blinds, made sure the furniture in the room was low, and painted the walls a neutral grey. It's all eyes on the gorgeous view of trees."
- Take the inside out to the patio too, says Marshall. Clean outdoor furniture and freshen the seating arrangement with bright new accessories such as pillows (choose solid colours, florals, geometrics or even classic black and white), a stylish summer tray, and an area rug or module floor tiles to cover the concrete floor.
- A portable water feature such as a small bubbling urn will add the sounds of the outdoors to your condo, too.

Elvia Picco uses touches of colours to accessorize the condo she lives in with her partner in Kelowna, B.C. She puts a yellow table cloth on the dining room table, and new designer coffee mugs on the kitchen counter.

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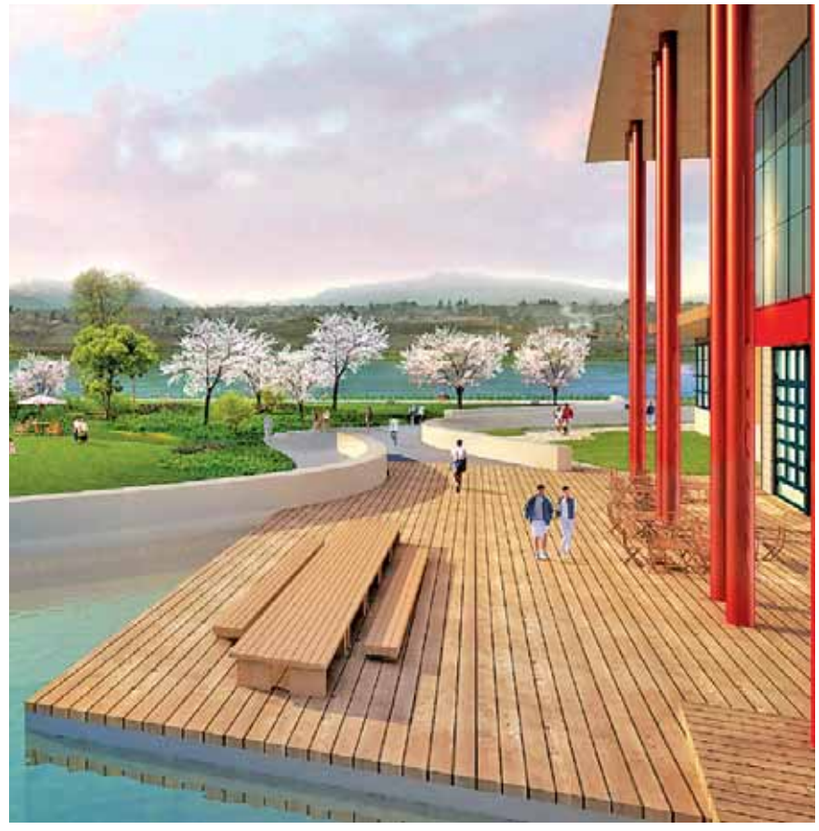
Welcome home, on the waterfront



Historically, waterfront property has been hard to come by in Metro Vancouver, and affordable waterfront even more so. Now homebuyers have a unique opportunity to get a home on the riverfront for a price that's actually within reach for the average family.

Parc Riviera, a master-planned community on the banks of the Fraser River in North Richmond, is a chance for regular buyers to get a remarkable home in an up-and-coming area, according to Dave Bauman, sales and marketing director at Parc Riviera.

"Parc Riviera is the community of the future," says Bauman. "It was designed to maximize affordability, sustainability and convenience for residents."

Phase one apartments and townhouses are now complete and condos will be move-in ready within a couple of months. The modern development sits on ample, well-maintained parkland on the edge of the Fraser River, overlooking the river, the city and the North Shore mountains — some of the best views in the city, says Bauman.

The one bedroom condos start at about $250,000.

"It will cater to all the things our buyers need in a home: convenient location, modern design and easily accessible green space."

The convenience aspect is obvious in the development's proximity to amenities nearby (Bridgeport SkyTrain Station is just a 10-minute walk away), but it's most apparent in the development's interiors, says Bauman.

The high-quality appliances and finishings are just as beautiful as they are practical, including solid quartz countertops, engineered hardwood floors, A/C, nine-foot ceilings and gas cooktops.

The development's geo-exchange temperature-control system will minimize residents' energy use, and the bills that come with it.

"In designing Parc Riviera, we looked into the future to offer our buyers an investment that they could be proud of five, 10, 20 years down the line," Bauman says.

Visit the Parc Riviera presentation centre at 10111 River Drive, Richmond B.C., open weekends, from noon to 5:00 p.m., 604-231-5900.

Go to parcriviera.com.

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PARC RIVIERA FOSTERS ACTIVE LIVING

Metro Vancouver homebuyers recognize that easy access to exercise is equally as important as having a social neighbourhood.

Outdoor fitness opportunities abound in Parc Riviera's green space, including a 4,000-foot waterfront trail that offers expansive views of the city, river and mountains.

There are indoor opportunities, too: Club Riviera, the private community centre for residents, offers a fully equipped gym with weights and cardio equipment, as well as a lap pool and hot tub.

"You can't overestimate the positive impact of an active lifestyle," says Bauman. "Parc Riviera puts those opportunities at residents' fingertips."

Strategic planning unites community

Kid-friendly parks, paths, green space compliment design

Communities play an integral role in their residents' quality of life, and housing developers are responding to that need, says Dave Bauman, sales and marketing director at Parc Riviera.

The master-planned Parc Riviera community was designed for social living, explains Bauman.

"Parents should be able to step out their door and be among other families or at the park within five minutes," he says. "Parc Riviera is a great place for families because we have a great network of kid-friendly paths, green spaces and meeting places where our residents and their kids can connect."

Those places include more than five acres of parkland, including two major parks in the community, an assortment of trails, kids' play areas, a picnic area, a stage for community performances, tennis courts and sunset seating on Parc Riviera's 20 acres of waterfront.

The developers considered arts and culture an important part of the living environment, too. Residents will discover public art as they tour their neighbourhood, including a playfully outsized stainless steel raindrop called Water #10, by Chinese sculptor Jun Ren.

Vehicle access was also designed to maximize walkable space in the community — at-grade parking is accessible through an underground parkade, making the development safe and kid-friendly at ground level.

Tait Elementary School is just two blocks away, and the full development is designed to incorporate commercial space, including a daycare, so busy parents won't have to travel far for the necessities.

"We're fostering a tight-knit community at Parc Riviera," says Bauman.

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Hawks halt Kings' Cup quest with OT win

NHL playoffs. Series headed to L.A. after Chicago ties it up in the third, forces Game 6

Michal Handzus of the Chicago Blackhawks scores a goal against Jonathan Quick of the Los Angeles Kings in double overtime to win Game 5 of the Western Conference final on Tuesday in Chicago. TASOS KATOPODIS/GETTY IMAGES

Michal Handzus scored at 2:04 of the second overtime, and the Chicago Blackhawks beat the Los Angeles Kings 5-4 in Game 5 on Wednesday night to stay alive in the Western Conference final.

Brandon Saad made a nice pass to the middle, and Handzus beat goalie Jonathan Quick with a backhander for his second goal of the playoffs. Handzus celebrated by jumping against boards behind the net as the sellout crowd of 21,871 roared.

Saad had a goal and two assists for the defending Stanley Cup champions, who stopped a three-game losing streak. Brent Seabrook, Johnny Oduya and Ben Smith also scored, and Patrick Kane set a playoff career high with four assists.

Game 6 is Friday night in Los Angeles.

Marian Gaborik and Dustin Brown each had a goal and an assist, and Jarret Stoll and Tanner Pearson also scored for the Kings, who led 4-3 after two periods. It was Gaborik's NHL-best 11th playoff goal.

Quick and Chicago's Corey Crawford each stopped 40 shots.

Los Angeles was in position to advance to its second Stanley Cup final in three years before Smith drove to the net and swept in a rebound 1:17 into the third. Smith's third goal of the playoffs set the stage for a frantic finish as both sides pushed for the winning score.

Kings centre Stoll was sent off for tripping with 3:11 left in the third, giving the Blackhawks a prime opportunity to move in front. Quick stopped Kane on a big slapshot, and then turned away Bryan Bickell in front to keep it tied at 4.

Quick made another solid stop on Marian Hossa in overtime, and the loose puck was swept away by the Kings. Los Angeles star Anze Kopitar had a chance to win it about nine minutes into the first overtime but his shot went off the side of the net.

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Game 5

5	4
Blackhawks	Kings

Canadiens vs. Rangers

The Rangers will be without defenceman John Moore for at least the remainder of their series versus the Canadiens. He was suspended for two games Wednesday after receiving a match penalty Tuesday night for a hit to Montreal forward Dale Weise's head.

French Open

Raonic, Bouchard get through Round 2 in Paris

Milos Raonic bounced back from a troublesome first match and Eugenie Bouchard overcame a worrying first set as Canada's top singles tennis players advanced to the third round of the French Open.

Bouchard managed a 2-6, 6-2, 6-1 come-from-behind win over German Julia Goerges on Wednesday, while eighth-seeded Raonic beat Czech Jiri Vesely 7-6 (4), 6-4, 6-1 to reach the third round for a third consecutive year. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Milos Raonic gets fired up during his second-round win at the French Open Wednesday. GETTY IMAGES

CFL

Lions ink 2014 draft selections

With rookie camp beginning Thursday, the B.C. Lions have locked up their entire 2014 draft class.

On Wednesday the Lions announced the signings of offensive lineman T-Dre Player (12th overall), fullback Pascal Lochard (14th overall), linebacker Casey Chin (27th overall), defensive lineman David Menard (32nd overall), wide receiver Alexander Fox (41st overall), defensive lineman Dylan Roper (50th overall) and running back Guillaume Bourassa (59th overall). METRO

Jays stretch win streak out to nine games

Jays outfielder Melky Cabrera lays down a bunt against the Tampa Bay Rays on Wednesday night at Rogers Centre. DARREN CALABRESE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

The Toronto Blue Jays extended their winning streak to nine games in dramatic fashion Wednesday night with a 3-2 walk-off victory over the Tampa Bay Rays at Rogers Centre.

With pinch-runner Kevin Pillar aboard after Dioner Navarro opened the bottom of the ninth with a single, Anthony Gose dropped a nice bunt down the first-base line. Reliever Juan Carlos Oviedo (1-1) threw wide to first and Pillar came all the way around to score the winning run.

Aaron Loup (2-1) worked one inning of relief for the win as Toronto completed a three-game sweep. The American League East-leading Blue Jays improved to 32-22 while the Rays fell to 23-31.

On Wednesday

3	2
Blue Jays	Rays

Toronto struck early with two runs in the first inning.

Jose Reyes kicked off Tampa Bay starter Chris Archer's 26-pitch frame with a single up the middle. He moved to third when Jose Bautista hit a flare into shallow right field and both runners scored on Edwin Encarnacion's single.

The Rays tied it in the second inning. Matt Joyce took a Liam Hendriks pitch off the centre-field wall for a double and Wil Myers followed with a two-run shot, his fifth homer of the season. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
If you lose interest in what you are doing today it's a sign you are doing the wrong thing. A change of scene will help but in the long-term you may have to change your lifetime ambitions.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
You need to show your vulnerable side. Too often you give the impression that nothing can bring you down when, in reality, you are as sensitive as everyone else.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
You may be a bit touchy over the next 24 hours. With your ruler Mercury moving into sensitive Cancer if there is anything worrying you it is sure to show up. Don't try to avoid it.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
Social activities are under excellent stars today and the best way relax is to seek out people who think and act is similar ways to you. Looking for love? Find it with someone who shares your cultural interests.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
Your confidence will get a boost today and you will be a lot more relaxed about your social and professional status. One door may have closed to you but within a matter of days, another door will open.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Money may be important to you but it must not be allowed to come ahead of more important things such as love and laughter. Don't think about what you own and earn, think about what motivates you.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
If there has been a dispute, now is the time to patch things up. That applies to all areas of your life but especially to business issues. There's always a solution.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Your creative powers will be at their height over the next 24 hours, so make good use of them. Also, take your pleasures where you find them and don't listen to those who say you should be more cautious.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You may have tasks to complete but now is not the time to get busy on them. As Venus, planet of harmony, moves into the wellbeing area of your chart today your best course of action is to take life easy.

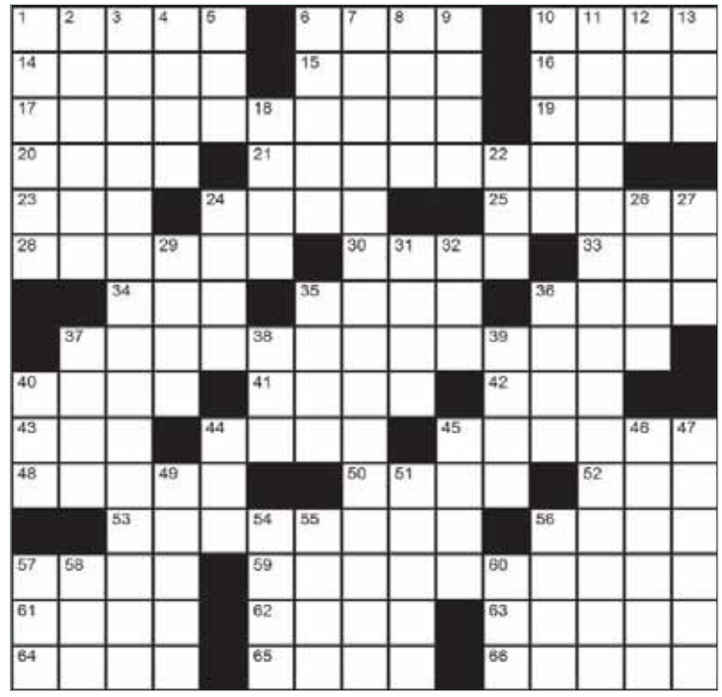
♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Something you found difficult before will come easier to you today. You may still have to struggle in other areas but the planets will generally give your spirits a lift and help you believe that most things are possible.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Sometimes you get so caught up in making a living that you forget there are people who love you so much they don't care what you achieve. One such person will delight you.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Don't worry that others might think less of you if you ease off. Worry only that if you don't take better care of yourself you might come to harm. The planets urge you to take things at a slower pace. SALLY BROMPTON

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.
BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



Across
1. Jubilant, poetry-style
6. Cole Porter's "Miss __ Regrets"
10. Lemony
14. Prepares potatoes
15. Stethoscope sound
16. Ms. Sanders
17. Canada's 'Big Five' gig: 2 wds.
19. Rob Roy, for one
20. Alberta town
21. Canadian cartoon series, "My __ Is Evil"
23. Bond
24. Manage
25. DQ's 'D'
28. Feels
30. Dry: Spanish
33. '_' __ in Victoria
34. Spoil
35. "The Simpsons" bus driver
36. Slammer
37. Toronto-born singer/songwriter who has rocked with Legendary Hearts: 2 wds.
40. Funny lady Imogene
41. God: Latin
42. "Unbelievable" hitmakers
43. "Entourage" superagent
44. Espionage: Mata __
45. Hurriedly depart again, say
48. Mountain chain
50. Dianetics guru, _. __ Hubbard
52. Poetic preposition
53. Prepped the sewing needle
56. "Top _' __ mornin' to you!"
57. Music's Ma
59. CTV series "Motive", for example: 2 wds.
61. "Lend me your __ and I'll sing..." - The Beatles
62. Knee, medical-style
63. Try to unearth: 2 wds.
64. Proofreading term
65. Slumps
66. Heavens

Down
1. Friary figures
2. Net minder
3. St. Lawrence, Newfoundland born journalist/writer: 2 wds.
4. Bugling beasts
5. 'Earn' ender (Sincere)
6. Low ship deck
7. First Canadian Place in Toronto is Canada's what?: 2 wds.
8. '50s series, "_ __ Three Lives"
9. Feudal worker
10. "Battle of the Blades" champ Ms. Bonhomme
11. Some of the National Film Board's treasures: 2 wds.
12. Copacabana city
13. "Ka-boom!" stuff
18. Me-me-me's
22. Testimony-giver's oath: 2 wds.
24. Particle physics lab near Geneva
26. Staircase support
27. Posh wallet's lettering
29. Hall & Oates' "__ Smile"
31. Quebec 'summers'
32. Scam
35. Terminer's court pal
36. Doorway part
37. Tropical island, when doubled
38. Ms. LeShan
39. Jukebox tune: "__ Angel"
40. Vehicle variety
44. Lady
45. Took the bus
46. Canadian actress who plays Detective Angie Flynn on the show at #59-Across, Kristin __
47. Dog training incentives
49. 1990 movie blockbuster
51. Romulus and __
54. Hosp. heart recordings
55. Locale
56. "I have no money __ _ _ on me." (Stolen-wallet-person's conundrum)
57. Uh-huh
58. Cereal grass
60. Ike's Presidential monogram

Yesterday's Crossword

Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

					5	2		
			3	8		4		
5	1	9				6		
3			4		8		5	
	6						8	
	7		9		2			1
		2				8	4	6
		7		3	6			
		8	2					

Yesterday's Sudoku

1	9	4	6	5	8	3	7	2
6	3	2	1	7	9	8	5	4
8	7	5	4	3	2	6	9	1
3	1	7	2	9	5	4	8	6
4	5	8	7	1	6	2	3	9
9	2	6	3	8	4	7	1	5
7	4	9	5	2	3	1	6	8
5	6	3	8	4	1	9	2	7
2	8	1	9	6	7	5	4	3

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